



# Press Release

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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At 0112 hrs. on 11-4-2011, the Lake County Sheriff's Office responded to 486 Morgan Dr. in Painesville Twp., REFERENCE: An intruder that had been apprehended in the garage of this residence by the homeowner. Upon arrival deputies observed two men fighting in the yard at 486 Morgan Dr. The two men were identified as 42 year old William Potter and the homeowner at 486 Morgan Dr. and 21 year old Brian P Snyder of Painesville, the suspect in this case. Mr Snyder was noted to be intoxicated and some lacerations to his head. The fire dept. was dispatched to the scene for medical attention.

The investigation revealed that just before the call was placed to 911, Mr. Potter's 15 year old daughter was working at the computer at the rear of the home when she heard a noise coming from the unattached garage after which time she notified her father. Mr. Potter and his daughter went out to investigate and saw the garage mandoor slightly ajar. Mr Potter opened the door and observed a white adult male standing behind the door. Mr. Potter yelled at the intruder that the police were on the way and at that point the male intruder tried to pull open the mandoor to escape. Mr. Potter advised that his daughter then yelled out that the intruder was Brian Snyder an ex friend of her brother. Mr Potter advised that he and Snyder began to struggle in the doorway as he tried to keep Snyder from leaving the area and that Snyder proceeded to punch him and also stuck his 15 year old daughter. After being struck by the intruder, Potter's 15 year old daughter grabbed a wooden ornamental wood dog shop project and began to strike the intruder on the back of the head as he fought with Mr. Potter. Mr Potter advised that both he and Snyder then fell onto the driveway and the struggle continued into the neighboring yard where deputies located both males fighting.

Upon checking the garage it was observed that the intruder had broken off side mirrors to Mr. Potter's vehicle by physical force. The vehicles damaged were a silver Buick Century and a dark colored Pontiac Grand Prix. It was discovered that the intruder's vehicle a black Chevy pickup truck was parked in the 500 block of Morgan Dr. which indicated that the intruder had parked his vehicle down the street and walked up to the victim's residence. Snyder was transported to Tri-Point Hospital for his injuries and medical evaluation. It was also learned that the suspect, Snyder had been a friend of Mr. Potter's 20 year

old son, Alexander Potter and that Alexander and Brian Snyder had a falling out a couple of years ago over a female. Mr. Potter's house had been vandalized back in December of 2009 shortly after the falling out between the two friends during which time unknown person(s) threw a brick through the front window of the residence. Snyder is expected to be charged with two counts of assault, breaking & entering and vandalism upon his release from the hospital.

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